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BONN FOR HORMATS

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SUBJECT: POST-SUMMIT BRIEFING OF AFRICANS

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1. I GREATLY REGRET THAT I CANNOT RPT NOT GENERATE MUCH ENTHUSIASM AT PROPOSAL THAT HORMATS VISIT KHARTOUM FOR TALKS WITH NIMEIRI AND OTHERS WHILE SUMMIT MEETING IS STILL IN PROGRESS. SUDANESE LOGISTIC RESOURCES WILL BE STRAINED TO THE UTMOST. MOREOVER, AS I REPORTED AFTER MAY JULY 11 CONVERSATION WITH NIMEIRI, HE HAS AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM OF OBJECTIVES -- OBJECTIVES WHICH ARE, ON THE WHOLE, COMPATIBLE WITH OUR OWN -- TO ACCOMPLISH DURING THE FOUR SHORT WORKING DAYS OF THE SUMMIT. I AM NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT HE WOULD WISH TO GIVE UP THE PRECIOUS TIME REQUIRED TO RECEIVE HORMATS DURING THIS PERIOD. I WOULD BE LOATH TO USE UP MY OWN STOCK OF BROWNIE POINTS WITH NIMEIRI BY INSISTING TOO HARD. BEAR IN MIND THAT NIMEIRI WILL HAVE TWENTY-THREE (BY LATEST COUNT) CHIEFS OF STATE ON HIS HANDS, EACH OF WHOM WILL DEMAND A GREAT DEAL OF TENDER LOVING CARE.

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2. ANOTHER FACTOR IS PROFOUND DISINTEREST OF NIMEIRI AND SUDANGOV AS A WHOLE IN NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES. AS I EXPLAINED AT NAIROBI, SUDAN WITH ITS AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND OIL PROSPECTS, HOPES TO JOIN NORTH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. FINALLY, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT APPEARANCES. OAU
COM MEETING IS GOING EXTREMELY WELL FROM OUR VIEWPOINT.
NIMEIRI AND MODERATES WILL WORK HARD TO SEE THAT SUMMIT
FOLLOWS SAME COURSE. RESENTMENTS OF RADICALS ARE BOUND
TO BUILD. FOR AN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO RUSH HERE
STRAIGHT FROM "CAPITALIST" SUMMIT MIGHT WELL GIVE RADICALS
A FREE RIDE PROPAGANDA-WISE. LET US NOT RPT NOT PUSH OUR LUCK.

5. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME TO DISCUSS NORTH-SOUTH
ISSUES AT WORKING LEVEL IN KHARTOUM ONCE TUMULT AND
SHOUTING HAVE DIED DOWN. IDEAL OCCASION FOR SUCH
A DISCUSSION, ALONG WITH OTHER ECONOMIC ISSUES,
PARTICULARLY WHAT US AND WESTERN ALLIES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO RELIEF
OF SUDAN'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT
PROBLEMS, WILL BE DURING NIMEIRI'S SEPTEMBER VISIT TO
UNITED STATES.
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